GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:769
ANSWERED ON:28.07.2005
CREATION OF DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Rao Shri Sambasiva Rayapati

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to create a Department of Energy in the Petroleum Ministry to step up India`s diplomatic initiative in securing energy sources abroad and providing autonomy in approving foreign investments;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) No, Sir

(b) & (c):- Does not arise.

ANNEX

Annex referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.659 by Shrimati Kiran Maheshwari and Shri Harishchandra Chavan to be answered on the 28th July, 2005 regarding Permission to Foreign Companies for Exploration.

The Block-wise awardee of Exploration Blocks are as under:

DEEPWATER BLOCKS

Name of Block Awardee

KK-DWN-2003/1 Reliance Industries Ltd.
KK-DWN-2003/2 Reliance Industries Ltd.
KG-DWN-2003/1 Reliance Industries Ltd. – Hardy Exploration & Production India Inc.
MN-DWN-2003/1 Reliance Industries Ltd. – Niko Resources (NELP-V) Ltd.
AN-DWN-2003/1 Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.
AN-DWN-2003/2 ENI India Ltd. - Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. – Gas Authority of India Limited

SHALLOW WATER BLOCKS

Name of Block Awardee

CB-OSN-2003/1 Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.
GS-OSN-2003/1 Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. – Cairn Energy (7) Ltd.

ONLAND BLOCKS

Name of Block Awardee

AA-ONN-2003/3 Oil India Limited- Hindustan Petroleum Corpn. Ltd.
GV-ONN-2003/1 Cairn Energy India Pty. Ltd Cairn Exploration (No. 1) Ltd.-ONGC
VN-ONN-2003/1 Cairn Energy India Limited- Cairn Energy (6) Limited- ONGC

RJ-ONN-2003/1 ENI India Limited- Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. - Cairn Energy (2) Limited
RJ-ONN-2003/2 Phoenix Overseas Ltd. – Birckbeck Investment Ltd.
CB-ONN-2003/1 Part-A & B Reliance Industries Ltd.
CB-ONN-2003/2 Gujarat State Petroleum Corpn. Ltd. – Gas Authority of India Limited-Jubilant
  Capital Pvt. Ltd. – Geo Global Resources Ltd.
DS-ONN-2003/1 GeoGlobal Resources
KG-ONN-2003/1 Cairn Energy India Limited- Cairn Energy (4) Limited- Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.
CY-ONN-2003/1 Niko Resources (NELP-V) Ltd.

In respect of 2 blocks namely AA-ONN-2003/1 and AA-ONN-2003/2, certain representations raising legal issues have been received and they are being examined in the Government.